



CHRIST **— PRES —**

Proclaiming a **Hope**

Building a **Home**

Launching a **Healing**

The Lord's Day, March 8, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

A Service of Word and Prayer

March 8, 2026 | 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

*Our God, Our Help in Ages Past, verses 1-4, 7

Hymn No. 30

Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, arr. Bruce Benedict; Lyrics: Isaac Watts, 1719

Welcome & Announcements

Clint Wilcke

*Call to Worship¹

Psalms 48:1-2, 8-14

Elder: Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised in the city of our God! His holy mountain, beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth, Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the great King.

People: As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God, which God will establish forever.

Elder: We have thought on your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple. As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth. Your right hand is filled with righteousness.

People: Let Mount Zion be glad! Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your judgments!

Elder: Walk about Zion, go around her, number her towers, consider well her ramparts, go through her citadels, that you may tell the next generation

All: that this is God, our God forever and ever. He will guide us forever.

*Anchor of Hope

Music & Lyrics: Brown Bannister and Ellie Holcomb

1. Mar - vel - ous, won - der - ful, in - fi - nite God,
2. Gra - cious, com - pas - sio - nate, mer - ci - ful God,
3. Pow - er - ful, con - stant, un - wav - er - ing God,

Au - thor of all that is good.
ra - di - ant, ho - ly de - light.
Shep - herd who comes for the lost,

Faith - ful pro - vi - der and gi - ver of life,
Beau - ti - ful Fa - ther, vic - to - ri - ous Son,
Rock of sal - va - tion, re - mark - a - ble love,

Source of all po - wer and love.
Source of un - change - a - ble light.
Sa - vior who died on the cross.

¹Please stand, if able.

¹We believe that God always initiates with sinners, so we begin worship with His invitation and command to us to gather in His name.



Chorus: Great is the Lord, and most wor - thy of praise,



Re - fuge of strength to the end.



Right - eous re - deem - er and might - y to save,



He's the an - chor of hope for the souls of men.



Bridge: You are light in the dark, You are heal - ing



for the bro - ken heart, You are hope, You are Lord,



You are life, You are love that en - dures. *to Verse 3*

***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

***Affirmation of Faith**

Romans 8:1-4

Elder: What has God done for you in Christ Jesus?

All: **There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set [us] free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.**

*Love Constraining to Obedience

Music: J. Caudill, arr. W. Wymond; Lyrics: William Cowper, 1731-1800

1. No strength of na - ture can suf - fice
2. Then to ab - stain from out - ward sin
3. "What shall I do," was then the word,

to serve the Lord a - right;
was more than I worth - could do;
"that I may grow?"

and what she has she mis - app - lies
Now, if I feel its power with - in,
"What shall I rend - er to the Lord?"

for want of clear - er light.
I feel I hate it too.
is my in - quir - y now.

How long be - neath the law I lay,
Then all my ser - vile works were done,
To see the law by Christ ful - filled,

in bond - age and di - stress;
a right - eous - ness to raise;
and hear His pardon - ing voice,

I toil'd the pre - cept to o - bey,
now, free - ly cho - sen in the Son,
chan - ges a slave in - to a child,

but toil'd with - out suc - cess.
I free - ly choose His ways.
and du - ty in - to choice.

Call to Confession

Ezekiel 18:29-32

²⁹...the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? ³⁰"Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live."

Confession of Sin

All: O God, my lips are ready to confess, but my heart is slow to feel and my ways reluctant to amend. My faculties have been a weapon of revolt against You. As a rebel I have misused my strength and served the foul adversary of Your kingdom. Give me grace to bewail my continual folly; grant me to know that the way of transgressors is hard, that evil paths are wretched paths, that to depart from You is to lose all good. All these sins I mourn, lament, and for them cry pardon. Give me the fullness of a godly grief that trembles and fears, yet ever trusts and loves. Grant that through the tears of repentance I may see more clearly the brightness of the saving cross and the glories of the risen and ascended Christ. Amen.

Silent Confession

*Assurance of Forgiveness

Ezekiel 36:25-27

²⁵I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. ²⁶And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

*Nothing but the Blood, verses 1-4

Hymn No. 307

Music: PLAINFIELD, Robert Lowry, arr. Joe Deegan

Offertory Prayer

Deacon Joel Bell

Offertory

"Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed"

Music: Bob Kauflin

Visitors, please fill out a visitor card located in the chair backs in front of you and drop it in the offering plate.

***Children's Church Dismissal: During both the 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. service four- & five-year-olds may be dropped off & picked up at the sanctuary door to the left of the piano to attend Children's Church.*

Pastoral Prayer

Elder Ward Toler

Members of the Week:

Toby & Patti Griggs
Foster & Laura Gullett; Samuel and Noah

Missionaries of the Week:

The Pregnancy Center of Oxford

Teachers of the Week:

Adult Sunday School: Clint Wilcke, Brian Sorgenfrei & Les Newsom

Christ Pres Leadership & Staff:

Glynn & Ginnie Ingram

The Lord's Prayer

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

***Children's Church is provided to help families make the transition from nursery to the worship service. Volunteers will take them upstairs for a time of singing, praying, playing and listening to a Bible story. Please note that Children's Church is optional for families and we also fully support keeping your child in the service as well!*

Elder: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"Christ the Covenant"

Les Newsom

The Prophets & the Promise: Christ in Every Longing

Children's Church pickup by the sanctuary door to the left of the piano after sermon.

***This Is My Father's World**

Music: TERRA BEATA, Franklin L. Sheppard, Edward Shippen Barnes, & Joe Deegan

Lyrics: Maltbie D. Babcock & Joe Deegan



1. This is my Fa - ther's world, and to my
 2. This is my Fa - ther's world, the birds their
 3. This is my Fa - ther's world, O let me



lis - t'ning ears, all na - ture sings and
 ca - rols raise, the morn - ing light, the
 ne'er for - get that though the wrong seems



round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
 li - ly white, de - clare their Ma - ker's praise.
 oft so strong, God is the Ru - ler yet.



This is my Fa - ther's world: I rest me in the thought
 This is my Fa - ther's world: He shines in all that's fair;
 This is my Fa - ther's world: the bat - tle is not done:



of the rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
 in the rus - tling grass I hear Him pass,
 Je - sus who died shall be sat - is - fied,



His hand the won - ders wrought.
 He speaks to me ev - ery - where.
 and earth and heav'n be one.



Chorus: Oh this world be - longs to Him,



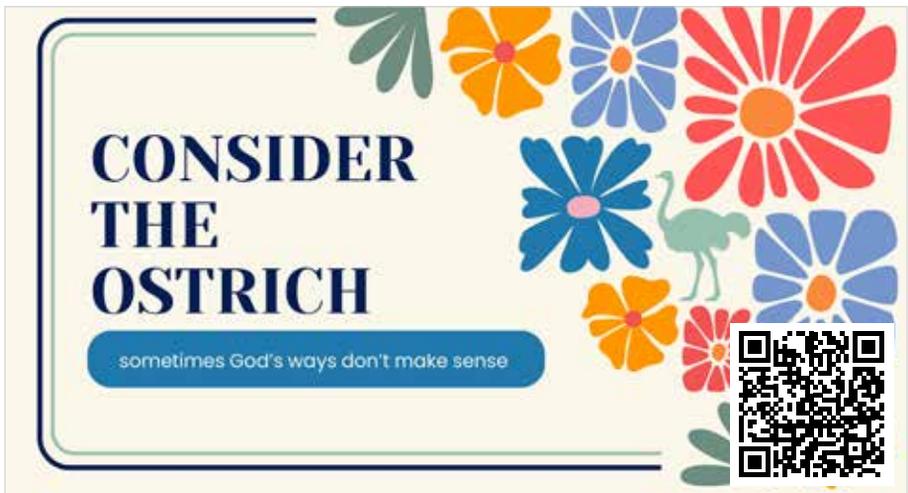
from be - gin - ning to the end.

*Please stand, if able.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



All 7th-12th graders are invited to join us for our annual Spring Retreat from **April 10-12th!** The weekend will be full of playing games, worship & digging deep into Psalm 23 with our speaker, Austin Braasch. This year we'll be going back to "The Barn" near Philadelphia, MS. Register by March 31 to secure your spot!



Ladies, please join us for our annual Spring Luncheon on **Saturday, April 18th.** The delicious salad bar lunch will start at 11:30am and our speaker, Susan Tyner, will begin around 12.

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